

First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

January 2022

When Ordinary is Quite Extraordinary

The festivals and seasons of the Christian year (or liturgical calendar) offer a way to order the annual life of the church according to the life of Christ and the events of salvation history. January is always an exciting time in the life of the church if we are attentive to the changing of the liturgical season

In January, we move from the Season of Advent and Christmas to a period of Sundays known as ordinary time. Ordinary time is distinguished from the special times that call attention to the events that particularly reveal God's saving presence and work, such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost.

In ordinary time, we consider the implications of the particular events of redemption for our everyday, ordinary world. This makes ordinary time an extraordinary time as we are carried by the flow of the liturgical year to a time of serious contemplation. What are we being called to do as individuals and as a church right now to bear witness to the redemption we have found through Christ to the community around us? How are we to carry the life-changing, joyful implications of the birth of the Christ child beyond the walls of the sanctuary?

Those are the questions before your church officers this month and the questions each member of our church needs to ask themselves. I ask for your prayers of discernment for your Elders and Deacons as they shape the ministry and mission of the church in the coming year. I also welcome conversation with you individually if you have ideas for the church.

Every morning of 2022 when our feet first touch the ground, I hope each of us will say to ourselves with joy: *redeemed for a purpose*. This will serve as a daily reminder that you are forgiven, and you are called to be living with God. God grant that be our focus this year. If it is, 2022 will surely be extraordinary in the life of First Presbyterian Church.

-Rev. John C. McKinnon



KirkNight To-go

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Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or
jenn@junebugcatering.com.

Available for pick-up from
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Family Meal for 4-6
\$20 | Dessert \$5.00

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\$10 | Dessert \$2.50

January 12
Chicken Pot Pie
Garden Salad
Chocolate Chip Cookies

January 19
Mississippi Pork Roast
Mashed Potatoes with
Carrots
Chocolate Chip Bread
Pudding

January 26
Grilled Chicken
Roasted Red Peppers
Penne with Salad
Garlic Bread
Tiramisu

2022 is Off to a SPARK-tacular Start! ⚡



Meet Our New Assistant Director Tiara Wright!

SPARK has been given the opportunity to create an Assistant Director position, which will benefit our program greatly! When thinking about the perfect person to fill this position, we decided to hire internally. Tiara began working for SPARK in August 2021 as a Master Teacher with our 2nd and 3rd graders. Although she is fairly new to our staff, Tiara and her daughters have been a part of the SPARK family for many years.

Tiara's education in Child Development, her eight years of experience in the child care field, and her extensive knowledge of the child care subsidies program through her previous career with the Department of Human Services will benefit our current and future SPARK family for years to come.

We are so excited for Tiara to be on our team and are beyond grateful that she decided to step out on faith and accept this promotion. Congratulations, Ms. Tiara!



Congratulations on Your Accomplishment Miss Sabrina!

We would like to congratulate our pre-K teacher, Miss Sabrina, for completing the Certificate of Achievement in Preschool Care! This certificate is awarded to Sabrina through the Center for Early Childhood Professional Development and the Department of Human Services in recognition of completing 30 hours of specific professional development related to preschool child care and child development.

The goal of the Certificate of Achievement Program is to recognize and reward the specialized professional development achievements of providers, encourage teachers and directors to obtain additional focused formal professional development to improve the quality of care for children, and to increase positive outcomes experienced by children in licensed centers.

This is Sabrina's second Certificate of Achievement! We are so proud of her accomplishments and thankful for her hard work and dedication to the children of SPARK.

Thank You Caddo Nation!

SPARK would like to thank the Caddo Nation for gifting our program \$2,000 to purchase learning supplies and toys from Lakeshore Learning. We recently began partnering with the Caddo Nation to provide quality child care to indigenous children who qualify for child care assistance through the nation's Child Care Development Program.

With this gift, we were able to purchase a number of fun learning tools for each of our four classroom's eight required learning centers, as well as supplies for our teachers to use for daily enrichment activities and to decorate their classrooms. It was a lovely surprise and we are thankful to have the opportunity to partner with the Caddo Nation.



Reserve the Third

Saturday, January 15 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

In the month of January, Reserve the Third will return to The Urban Mission! Last year, The Urban Mission provided over *one million* pounds of food to more than *eight thousand* individuals—FPC-OKC's Reserve the Third played a part in that success.

The assistance that The Urban Mission provides is more important and more necessary than ever.

If you'd like to join in with FPC-OKC's volunteering efforts, please RSVP to Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com).

In honor of Gayle Cox's service as Clerk of Session for 17 years, the Session has thus proclaimed that the Tuscan Cafe shall be renamed Gayle's Kitchen. Thank you, Gayle!

John Harris made the lovely sign pictured below.

Annual Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meeting

Sunday, January 23 | 9:30 a.m.

The Annual Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. on January 23 for the distribution of the Annual Report, Presentation of the Budget and approving changes to the terms of call of the pastor.

-Barbara Charlet, Clerk of Session



Music

Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing



There are five Sundays in January, so we will have a “favorite hymn sing” at the beginning of worship on the fifth Sunday, January 30!

Submit your hymn suggestions by sending an email to Puffer (puffer@fpcokc.org) or by messaging the church on Facebook.

Celebrating the Year of César Franck

In 2022, we will be celebrating with a year of César Franck’s (December 10, 1822–November 8, 1890) organ work.

“The greatest organ composer of the French school in the nineteenth century was César Auguste Franck (1822-1890). A Belgian by birth, but French by education and adoption, this modest man exerted a profound effect upon his pupils and the development of organ music. The organ compositions of “Père (Father) Franck” were composed with the Cavaillé-Coll organ at Ste. Clotilde (Paris) in mind. Franck was an organist there from 1859 until his death. As the organ professor at the Paris Conservatoire, Franck emphasized the study of composition in his organ teaching.” - Corless Richard Arnold

Tactus Concert

The Joy of Life concert scheduled for January is postponed until further notice. New date TBA.

January 30 Postlude (20 minutes)

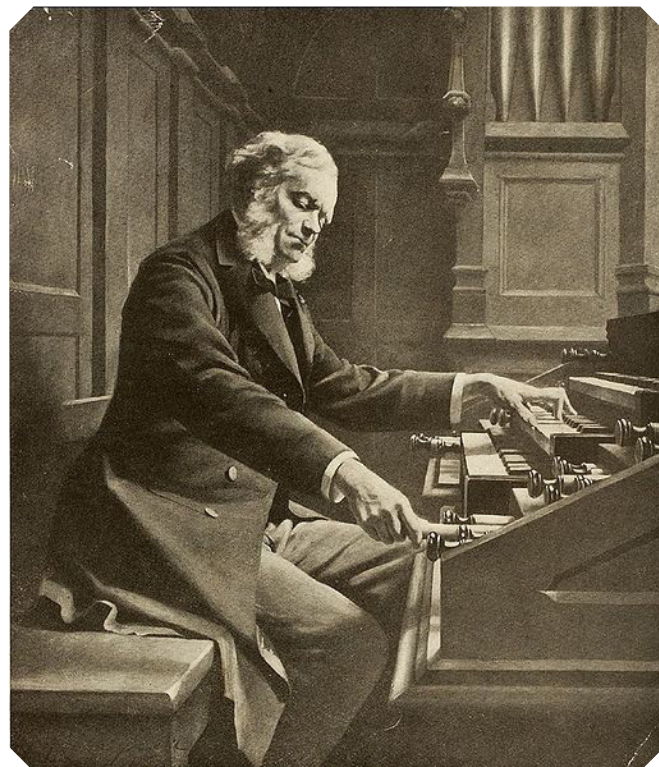
Prélude, Fugue et Variation, Op. 18 (1862), is one of Franck’s loveliest compositions. The cantabile melody of the prelude in B minor is presented over a simple accompaniment. A short interlude of nine measures’ length anticipates the fugue subject and returns the tonality to B minor. In the latter part of the fugue, the primary musical accent seems to fall on the second beat of several successive bars.

After the climactic end of the fugue, the serene melody of the prelude returns over a flowing 16th-note middle voice part.

– Corless Richard Arnold

Andantino in G minor, written in 1858 and published in 1889, is an early work of Franck. The Andantino is in A-B-A form with the first haunting melody returning after the secondary lyrical melody is sandwiched in between. The dance-like, rhythmical accompaniment makes this a delightfully lighthearted piece.

– John L. Edwards



PW BRUNCH



Sunday, January 23
1:00 p.m.

Let's get together!

Presbyterian Women (PW)

Priscilla Circle

Tuesday, January 11 | 10:00 a.m.
In the Reception Room.

Phoebe Circle

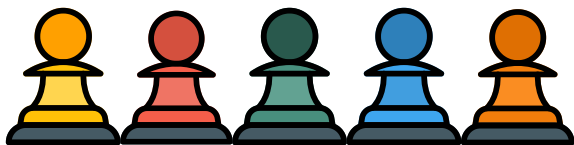
Tuesday, January 11 | 1:30 p.m.
In the Reception Room.

Abigail Circle

Tuesday, January 18 | 6:30 p.m.
Location TBD.

This year's PW theme is *The More We Get Together, the Happier We Will Be*. Brunch at Bellini's Ristorante & Grill is another opportunity for us to get together! Bellini's is located at 6305 Waterford Blvd Ste 100, Oklahoma City.

The cost of the event will fall to each individual participant. **Please RSVP to Cyndi Stumpf (cyndi0507@gmail.com) by January 17.**



Children & Youth

Did Santa bring you a new board game? Do you have a favorite board game stuffed away in your closet? Dig them out and bring them to Family Board Game Evening!

We will play a game or two before breaking for pizza and will hopefully have time for one more game before going home around 6:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Miss Cyndi (cyndi0507@gmail.com) by January 26.

JOIN IN ON THE FUN! FAMILY BOARD GAME EVENING

Sunday, January 30
4:00 PM

RSVP BY JANUARY 26

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Deacons' Gift

This year the Deacons decided on a puzzle of our "Godly Women of the Bible" stained glass window as their Christmas gift! Puzzles were handed out at church and taken to members' homes.

We hope you have enjoyed the gift! Please contact a Deacon or the church office if you did not receive a puzzle, but would like one.



Sunday School News

Evergreen Class

Class teaching schedule:

January 2 & 9

Beatitudes (Cornell)

January 16

Hymns (Rachel)

January 23

Congregational Meeting
(No class)

Jan. 30 & Feb. 6

Lessons from author and
pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber
(Nancy)

Pastor's Class

Pastor's Class will resume
January 30 with a study of the
New Testament.

New attendees are always
welcome!

FREE YOGA CLASS

WEDNESDAYS
@ 6:30 P.M.

Instructor: Brandi Gibson



@fpcokc

Start the year off right by picking up a new practice or restarting an old one.
Yoga classes will resume the second Wednesday in January!
All skills levels are welcome.

January Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

01: Cecilia Fokum

03: Sam Borquaye,

Gayle Cox,

Ron Miller

05: Bert Orza

08: Wayne Osmond

10: Libby Denner

12: Dan Conrad

14: Jamie Slade

15: Oliver Riggs

18: Frances Ely

22: Cornell Gallagher

23: Eva Huizinga

24: Meredith Tack O'Neil

26: Gaylan Adams,

Eric Turner

29: Nicholas Johnson

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